

A NEWSPAPER WITH AN OPINION OF ITS OWN.

NUMBER 20.

The members of the Baptist church and other Decatur citizens attended the public reception given at the home of Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Reeves on West Main street. A large crowd was in attendance to greet Rev. Bell and family of the First Baptist church, and all present were glad to meet the pastor and preacher thousands of Decatur people are

Burnett Production Co. To Drill Near Sunset

Another well known oil company has entered the Wise county field, and within a short time the Sunset country will be given a thorough testing out. The Burnett Production Co. composed of Texas and Colorado men, has gone into the Sunset section and preparations are now under way for actual work on the holdings of the company up there. The men behind the Burnett Co. are among the best known and most successful oil operators in the country, among them being Mr. Ady, expert geologist of Colorado Springs, Colo. The company will maintain two offices, in Decatur and Colorado Springs, the headquarters being in this town.

Bridgeport Boys are Injured Last Sunday

Will Pettitt and Ike Hartsell, Jr., of the Wilson Prairie community, were victims of an accident Sunday afternoon, in which the former was kicked by a horse and was so badly hurt that he was brought here to the Wise county sanitarium for treatment. The boys had a pony hitched to a cart and in descending a hill the animal began kicking, striking young Pewett in the face, breaking his nose and lacerating his mouth. The Hartsell boy was lightly injured in one arm. Will Pettitt is recovering and will soon be himself again.—Bridgeport Index.

Rhyme Holds Successful School Commencements

Last Sunday, according to previous engagement, the writer preached the commencement sermon for the Rhyme high school. Every available seat was occupied and the united choirs rendered some good music. At the proper time, we did our best in an effort to preach the sermon to a graduating class of ten—five boys and five girls. Supt. Handley brought us home via Ford car transportation which, of course, guaranteed safe delivery in spite of road conditions. We hear fine reports from the services here. Just as we expected.

A. A. KIDD.

Kaiser's Porperty to be Sold at Public Auction

New York, May 12.—The hangings of the imperial German throne and of the throne room, are to be sold here at auction. Household effects of former Kaiser Wilhelm, the former kaiserin and other members of the German imperial family, seized from the imperial palaces at Berlin and Munich for unpaid bills after the emperor abdicated and went to Holland also will be sold under the hammer here May 22, one of the city's largest art collectors, announced today.

McAdoo Will be the Democrats' Nominee

New York, May 12.—William Gibbs McAdoo of New York, will be nominated as the democratic standard bearer at San Francisco not later than the third ballot. The nomination may come on the second ballot. It looks today as if the San Francisco gathering, as far as the candidates are concerned, will be merely a ratification of a McAdoo-Cox ticket.

There will be no pressure from the Wilson administration to bring this about. The McAdoo sentiment is spontaneous, extending from coast to coast and from the great lakes to the gulf. The only place there is democratic sentiment against the former secretary of the treasury is in Tammany hall.

Popular Young People Are Wed Wednesday

Miss Jessie Meek and Mr. Edward F. Hornback were married Wednesday night at the home of the bride, east of Decatur. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meek. She is pretty and talented and very popular among the young people of this community. Hornback is a young man of sterling qualities, energetic, ambitious and capable, and one of the most successful young farmers of his section. He served through the war with the 90th division, and rendered valuable aid to his country. These young people have the best wishes of many good friends. Messenger extends congratulations, and wishes for the newlyweds a long life of happiness.

First Methodist Church

Remember, choir practice at the Methodist church tonight, Friday, at 8 o'clock. Next Sunday being commencement Sunday for our high school, our choir director, Mr. Roe Shoemaker, insists that every member of our choir be present. The members of the other choirs of the other churches have been invited to meet with us and assist in the special music program arranged by Mr. Shoemaker and Mrs. Jay Ingram. The high school commencement service will be held at the Methodist church next Sunday at 11 a. m., Rev. Shawver, presiding elder, will preach the sermon. Don't forget the choir tonight.

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.

Next Sunday will be a big day; hence we insist that we all be on time.

11 a. m., preaching, commencement sermon, Rev. L. D. Shawver. Epworth League at usual hour. 7 p. m., preaching by the pastor. Everybody always welcome.

A. A. KIDD, Pastor.

County Superintendents to Receive Higher Wage

County superintendents of public instruction are to be paid more if

Charter No. 2940

Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The First National Bank

AT DECATUR, TEXAS.

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON MAY 4, 1920.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, except those shown in next item.....	\$610,062 74	
Acceptances of other banks, discounted.....	3,026 25	
Total loans.....	613,088 99	613,088 99
Overdrafts, unsecured.....	6,225 20	6,225 20
U. S. Government Securities Owned:		
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bond par value).....	50,000 00	
Pledged to secure U. S. deposits (par value).....	55,000 00	
Owned and unpledged.....	126,000 00	
War Savings Certificates and Thrift Stamps actually owned.....	840 00	
Total U. S. Government securities.....		231,840 00
Other bonds, securities, etc.:		
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription).....		3,750 00
Value of banking house, owned and unincumbered.....	4,500 00	
Equity in banking house.....	4,500 00	4,500 00
Furniture and fixtures.....		6,300 00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank....		37,445 56
Cash in vaults and net amounts due from national banks.....		72,265 80
Net amounts due from banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in last two items).....		2,952 24
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank.....		290 89
Total of last three mentioned items.....	75,508 93	
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank, other cash items		697 76
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer.....		2,500 00
TOTAL.....		\$981,856 44

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in.....	\$100,000 00	
Surplus fund.....	25,000 00	
Undivided profits.....	25,231 76	
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	8,262 48	16,969 28
Amount reserved for taxes accrued.....		4,832 50
Circulating notes outstanding.....		50,000 00
Net amounts due to national banks.....		33,219 61
Net amounts due to banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States and foreign countries (other than in last item)....		9,966 44
Cashier's checks on own bank outstanding.....		2,322 52
Total of last three mentioned items.....	45,508 57	
Demand deposits (other than bank deposits subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days):		
Individual deposits subject to check.....		535,332 51
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed).....		25,608 00
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposit) subject to reserve, last two mentioned items.....	560,940 51	
Time deposits subject to Reserve (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 day' or more notice, and postal savings):		
Certificates of deposits (other than for money borrowed).....		76,355 58
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve.....	76,355 58	
U. S. deposits (other than postal savings):		
War loan deposit account.....	21,250 00	21,250 00
U. S. Government Securities borrowed without furnishing collateral security for same....	81,000 00	81,000 00
TOTAL.....		\$981,856 44

State of Texas, County of Wise, (SEAL):

I, E. P. Gibson, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. P. GIBSON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of May, 1920.

R. L. THOMPSON, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest: J. A. SIMMONS, E. H. BAUMGARTNER, SAMUEL LAH, Directors.

Plans of the committee on educational affairs of Texas mature. "They should not hope to get as much as a carpenter or bricklayer," said a member of the committee. "They are to be paid, I hope, as much as the justices of the peace or the constables in their counties receive. Investigation show county superintendents receive, after their expenses are deducted, less than any other county officials." In many counties the superintendent is compelled to distribute material for trustee elections. This expense alone frequently exceeds the amount allowed for office expenses of the superintendent; superintendents of Fannin and Collin counties spend more for stamps alone than their allotment. Visiting each school in the county once a year costs more than \$300.00, for which no provision is made; the superintendent must pay out of his salary. Relief will be had from the special session in legislature, which is to be called to meet in May. Governor Hobby met with the committee, which he had named, and its members are assured the recommendations of the committee will be submitted at the called session. All recommendations have the support of all the teaching fraternity of the state. Three other recommendations were made by the committee. They are that the certificate law should be revised, so certificates issued in other states may be honored in Texas; that the limit of salary that may be paid teachers be raised, and that additional appropriations be made for the state schools and the state department of education.

Old-Time Citizen of City Died Yesterday

Mrs. John Massey, died at her home in this city early Thursday morning after a long illness. Mrs. Massey was 85 years of age and had lived in Decatur for a long number of years. For several years this

good woman had been afflicted and had been kept to her bed. She was a patient sufferer, secure in knowing that she had lived and fought the battles of life according to right and awaited the reward promised to the faithful beyond the stars. The grand old man, Mrs. Massey's husband, attended her constantly through her sickness and in her passing he is left alone. The funeral services were conducted at the family residence by Rev. J. L. Ward in the presence of a number of sorrowing friends and neighbors. The burial took place at the city cemetery Thursday afternoon.

County Agent's Report

County Agent Kemp reports a visit by W. C. McGee, sheep specialist from A. & M. college.

Mr. McGee discussed topics of special interest, pertaining to the sheep industry of the county, before a call meeting of the wool-growers' association.

The attendance was fairly good, considering the weather conditions. Interest in co-operative selling of the present crop of wool was particularly manifested.

News from Sycamore

W. S. Farls returned from Fort Worth this week.

The Sycamore high school will close this afternoon, Friday, May 14, 1920. There will be a picnic held and everybody is invited to come.

Willis Malcomb, the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Don S. Foster, died on Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock, after a short illness. Little Mr. Foster was loved by a host of friends in this community, who mourn his untimely death. Funeral services were held at Sycamore Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. J. H. Heathington holding the services. Interment occurred in the Sycamore cemetery.



Hear it for yourself

---the phonograph which amazed all Decatur

Are you one of those who believe that no phonograph can match the voice of the living human? An astonishing discovery awaits you—like the thousand Wise county people who attended the Leola Lucey recital.

Thomas A. Edison gave his famous Tone-Test Wednesday night, April 28, in the district court room. He had Miss Lucey sing in direct comparison with the RE-CREATION of her voice by the New Edison.* Music lovers were completely baffled. Their ears were unable to

distinguish the RE-CREATED voice from the living. You have never heard any phonograph that approaches the New Edison. It RE-CREATES not only the musical notes, but every elusive quality of tone and color which identify the original artist.

The NEW EDISON

"The Phonograph With a Soul"

Come in and hear the identical instrument* which was used Wednesday evening, April 28. Make the great discovery for yourself.

*The instrument used in this Tone-Test is the regular model which sells for \$295. It is an exact duplicate of the Laboratory Model which Mr. Edison perfected after spending Three Million Dollars in experiments.

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DECATUR, TEXAS

Owen's Barber Shop . . .

Best of Service in Tonsorial Work

North Trinity Street

Kin of Famous Nurse Is Victim of Thief

London.—Miss Florence Nightingale Shore, a second cousin of England's "Lady of the Lamp," is near death from wounds inflicted by an unknown person while she was traveling by train from London to Rexhill.

Miss Shore, who did distinguished nursing service during the war, is about fifty years of age.

When the train arrived at Lewes, Miss Shore was found in an unconscious condition with a wound in her head. Her money and railway tickets had been taken.

Miss Shore has not regained consciousness and so far no clew was found to the supposed assailant.

"RESULTS MORE THAN CLAIMED"

So testifies Mr. J. F. ARENDT, Box 44, Remlig, Texas

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THE REMEDY FOR EVERYDAY ILLS



For Catarrh and Catarrhal Conditions

The evidence of one man like Mr. Arendt is more convincing to you of the merits of Pe-ru-na than any written words of fifty years. Pe-ru-na has been the standby of the American people for fifty years in the treatment of the mucous membranes of the body. Thousands, like Mr. Arendt, have found relief from catarrh of the nose, throat, and liver, disorders or any disease characterized by a catarrhal condition. If your suffering is the result of a catarrhal condition try Pe-ru-na. It is a true, tried medicine.

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Ninety-Seven per cent. of the people have found relief in some form of catarrh.

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THREE REASONS WHY MEN COME TO US WHEN THEY WANT GOOD CLOTHES

1-- We Serve them Promptly

2-- We Give them Good Values

3-- Our Styles are Always Right

And to make sure that every transaction is absolutely satisfactory we ask the privilege of refunding the entire purchase price when anything bought here does not give the service you expect of it.



Shirts

Silks, madras, percales—in the new patterns and colors. Tailored to a comfortable fit. Shirts.....\$1.50 to \$15.00

Ties

It's hard to imagine a more attractive lot of ties. You will surely find just the color and pattern you will want. Ties.....50c to \$2.50

Suits

Style, fit, quality, good tailoring—the points that every man wants in clothes are prominent features of every suit we make. A few minutes spent here now will quickly convince you how well prepared we are to suit you for Summer. An ample choice in medium and light weights.

Hats

Mostly felts, but a liberal assortment of straws for men who prefer them. But whatever your choice, you can count on the style being right. At several prices. Felts.....\$3.50 to \$14.50 Straws all prices.

New shipment of ladies' oxfords and pumps in the fashionable styles just received. New line of silk hose for ladies and misses. Prices very reasonable.

Trousers

Summer time is separate trouser time. We prepared months ago to meet your needs. As a result you may come here and choose from an exceptionally large showing of patterns and colors. Our best pants are priced at...\$5.00, \$6.00, \$6.50, 7.00

Oxfords

Tans in the darker shades are very popular for summer. The wide range of sizes we have insures a perfect fit and foot comfort for the hot weather. Come here for your oxfords and shoes because we have what you want at the price you want to pay.

Hosiery

Whether you prefer silk or cotton, you do want hose of fast color. You can count on the hose you buy here giving satisfaction. All prices.



Underwear

If there is one thing more than another that makes for Summer comfort it is well fitting underwear. We are glad to recommend these garments for we know they will fit. We can save you some money on your underwear...85c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75

GREER'S CASH STORE

Local News

Chas. Nash was in Dallas Wednesday.
S. C. Henderson is visiting in Denton.
Renshaw is visiting in Minn.
Wells.
G. Ward was down Sunday from Chita Falls.
Mrs. J. Newton Barker of Rhome, visiting here.
P. Dodson left yesterday for a in Galveston.
Mrs. C. P. Dodson and twins are visiting in Nocona.
Mrs. H. W. Barton was in Fort Worth Wednesday.
Bill Stepp was here several days from Denton Normal.
Andy Creek was reported on wild page yesterday morning.
Misses Pauline Kerr and Olivia of Dallas, visited here.
Phil Best of Greenwood, was in city on business Wednesday.
Tom Greer and Irwin Brew were in Fort Worth last week.
S. A. Lillard, Jr., has been visiting her parents in Fort Worth.
Mrs. Bob Carswell of Dallas, is visiting relatives and friends.
Mrs. J. H. Haggard is visiting Athens.
Bob Mann and family of Clarence, have been visiting here.
Miss Margaret Terrell is visiting Ruth Payne at T. C. U. Fort Worth.
Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Kemp spent the week-end in Dallas and Fort Worth.
Mrs. Ray Wood of Springer, New Mex., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Wasson.
Ray Christian and Green Standley were here yesterday for their claims near Villetta, N. Mex.
L. Littrell and family were here this week from Wichita Falls visiting relatives and friends.
Revs. J. N. Hunt and R. E. Bell are attending the Southern Baptist convention in Washington.
Mrs. Jim Morton and daughter, Miss Thelma, of Weatherford, are guests of the family of Tom Mann.

Edmond Rutledge, formerly of this community, now of Atlee, Okla., visited old friends here this week.
Try a sack of White Crest flour at Freeman's; it's certainly fine.
The costume concert to have been given Tuesday night by the Harmony club was postponed on account of the rain.
During the wind and rain storm last Friday night lightning struck the chimney at the home of L. J. Hoyl.
Mrs. T. E. Ponder, who has been visiting relatives and friends in the city, will leave today for her home in Dallas.
Mrs. Elwood Miller of Olathier, Kan., and Mrs. Luther Thomason of Dallas, are visiting the families of Sam and Doss Carl.
There will be a sing-song at the Baptist church next Sunday night.
Frank Ward was here Sunday from Wichita Falls.
Have your car top recovered right. We carry a line in stock; see what you buy; get our prices. Champion Shoe & Harness Shop.
"The Heart of Humanity"—a thrilling story of a girl who heard the call of thousands of children and followed her husband to war.
The Decatur public schools close for the session next Friday. The program for the commencement exercises is given in another column.
Some vacant property and two dwellings in Decatur for sale. One dwelling vacant first of June. G. F. Boyd, basement of the court house.
The most appealing love story of the great war ever filmed—"The Heart of Humanity"—at Majestic next Thursday afternoon and night.
Some vacant property and two dwellings in Decatur for sale. One dwelling vacant first of June. G. F. Boyd, basement of the court house.
The report that Chico had been destroyed by a cyclone Tuesday night was erroneous. The wind was high in that locality, but no serious damage resulted.
I have in my hands four \$700.00 vendor lien notes for sale. Due Jan. 1, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924. Can be made longer. Geo. F. Boyd, basement of the court house.
One of the heaviest rain seasons fell over this Tuesday afternoon. Much was done to crops and a windmill and outhouse destroyed. Hundreds of people went into storm cell.

If you like real high-class flour which is guaranteed, try White Crest at Freeman's Grocery.
I have in my hands four \$700.00 vendor lien notes for sale. Due Jan. 1, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924. Can be made longer. Geo. F. Boyd, basement of the court house.
A number of the county bridges were seriously damaged during the heavy rains the past ten days, and it is reported that the county roads recently worked are in bad condition.
"The Heart of Humanity" shows the remarkable work of a group of child actors in appealing scenes rife with humor as well as pathos. Majestic Thursday afternoon and night.
The girls' auxiliary of the Baptist church will hold a Saturday market tomorrow in the Man & Christian store, where they will sell home-made lightbread, cakes, pies, etc. The patronage of the public is solicited in a worthy cause. Patronize the market.
Drive to the mill and save money on the following feed: Red top cane seed, \$1.30 per bushel; feterita seed, \$1.90 per bushel; milo maize seed, \$1.55 per bushel; kaffir corn seed, \$1.55 per bushel. Buy your coal in the summer. Lillard Milling Company, Decatur.
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White Crest, the guaranteed flour, at Freeman's Grocery.
The lady teachers of the high school enjoyed their annual feast last Tuesday. The "piece de resistance" was a baked hen, prepared by Miss Claudie Mae Workman. While the repast was greatly enjoyed, yet the occasion was made sad by thoughts of the "Chanticleer" dinner of last year.
The friends of little Virginia Patterson are telling this one on her: While visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Milligan in Fort Worth recently, Virginia, after inspecting county family milk cow, approached benefit Milligan with the inquiry, "Litterin' me, how much milk does which cow hold?"
Car top recovered right. We carry a line in stock; see what you buy; get our prices. Champion Shoe & Harness Shop.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

One Cent Per Word.
—CASH IN ADVANCE—
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FOR SALE
FOR SALE—4-year-old cow and calf; 3-gallons milk per day. \$90. See L. N. NICHOLS, Ind. Phone 10-3.
FOR SALE—Good Jersey milk cows by CHAS. MYERS, 4 miles north of Decatur. Ind. Phone. (20)
FOR SALE—7-ft. Moline binder, good as new; has only cut 200 acres. JOHN F. THOMAS, Ind. Phone 10-3.
TWO FULL-BLOOD White Leghorn cocks for sale; young. Apply at this office; \$1.50 each.
BIG BARGAIN IN SAXON automobile; would take trade. Call at this office.
FOR SALE—Pure bred White Rock eggs. One fifty for setting of fifteen. Mammoth Bronze turkey eggs, six dollars a dozen.—MRS. H. F. GILLETTE, Rte. 5, Decatur. (t-f)
WANTED
WANTED—to rent a 4 or 5-room house by June 1st. Reward for same. Notify EARL WHITE, Box 325, City. (21)
FOR RENT
FOR RENT—35 to 60 acres of good, black land for cotton, either on halves or shares. Farm known as Know place, located on Wise-Denton line on Decatur-Krum road. Apply at the place call at this office. (20)
HORSES AND JACKS
JOHN—Kentucky Blue Grass Jack; fine condition; good age; will make the season at my farm, Robert Donaldson place, 5 miles southwest of Decatur; \$7.50 season; \$100 to insure colt.—H. C. VAN. (20)
T. C. McCurry, living east of Decatur, brought his little daughter, Helen, aged seven years, here for an operation at the Wise county sanitarium. The operation was successful and the child is recovering. Mr. McCurry is a brother of Mrs. T. T. Parrish and was her guest while in the city.—Bridgeport Index.
FREE TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUS-
away. If you are ready to see the county, and great damage has been done to corn and cotton. Most of the cotton will have to be replanted.

Citation by Publication
The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county—Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to summon Martha Reynolds, and the unknown heirs of Martha Reynolds, J. W. Reynolds, and the unknown heirs of J. W. Reynolds, D. T. Chamberlin and the unknown heirs of D. T. Chamberlin, W. B. Brock and the unknown heirs of W. B. Brock, J. M. Hurt, and the unknown heirs of J. M. Hurt, Chas. Frazier, and the unknown heirs of Chas. Frazier, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 43rd judicial district, but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 43rd judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Decatur, on the 4th Monday in May, A. D. 1920, the same being the 24th day of May, A. D. 1920, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 1st day of April, A. D. 1920, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 4446, wherein J. H. Ware, is plaintiff, and Martha Reynolds and the unknown heirs of Martha Reynolds, J. W. Reynolds, D. T. Chamberlin and the unknown heirs of D. T. Chamberlin, W. B. Brock, J. M. Hurt and the unknown heirs of J. M. Hurt, Chas. Frazier and the unknown heirs of Chas. Frazier and Jackson are defendants, and said petition alleging a suit trespass to try title on the following described land, to-wit:
Being a part of the Chas. Frazier survey, beginning at the southwest corner of 87 1/2 acre tract out of said survey formerly owned by B. B. and S. T. Wilson, thence south 780 varas a corner, thence east 634 varas a corner, thence north 780 varas a corner, the southeast corner said Wilson tract, thence west 634 varas, to place of beginning, containing 87 1/2 acres of land, out of 225 acres of land sold by Winnie Lee to Martha Reynolds.
Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have performed the same.
His debating team-mate, William, clerk Baylor University, is now visiting in New York. His winnings make an interesting list; he swept everything

Get acquainted with

"THE SPECIAL TUNE-UP" For Fords

It will make your Ford last longer

DECATUR MOTOR CO.

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KEEP THEM VIGOROUS
When a child suffers from the slightest exposure and is thin, listless and easily tired, that child ought to receive plenty of

SCOTT'S EMULSION

regularly. It is an essential factor in the health of thousands of people. **W. RATLIFF** ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

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ADVERTISING RATES

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Friday Morning, May 14, 1920.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Governor:
R. E. THOMASON
For Senator, 31st District:
GUINN WILLIAMS.
For Representative of 50th District:
J. W. WALKER.
ROY C. COFFEE
For County Judge of Wise County:
W. D. PASCHALL
For Tax Assessor:
G. M. D. MATHESON
VICTOR NOBLES
LEE CLEMENT.
For District Clerk:
W. V. CUNNINGHAM
LUTHER E. GILES
For Sheriff:
W. M. MALONE
For Tax Collector:
GRANGER BLEWETT
For County Surveyor:
J. M. BLOCKER
For County School Superintendent:
B. F. ROE
For County Clerk:
CARL FAITH
For County Treasurer:
LORY D. WHITE
For Commissioner, Precets. 4 and 5:
G. Q. WOODY
C. E. HENDERSON
E. L. DUTTON
L. L. BURRESS
For Public Weigher, Prect. 1:
JESSE DAVENPORT
W. D. PHILLIPS
For Commissioner, Prec. 1 and 6:
M. B. (BRYSON) WILLIAMSON.
T. L. ST. CLAIR
For Public Weigher, Precinct 5:
E. T. (TIM) FORD
GUY HUDNALL
Constable, Precinct No. 1:
WALTER WOOD

Boost, boy, boost—for Delightful Decatur!

It takes an early bird to get in on the ground floor.

Wilson sick is too much for the depraved republicans.

Former Speaker Thomson v make you a good governor.

Why not get out the weed-cutter now, Mr. Sanitary Officer Sharp?

Messenger's bona fide circulation is greater than any newspaper's in this section. Yes, "there's a reason."

Good piece of work, Messrs. Board of City Appraisers. No kicks; everything lovely, etc.

I. W. Culp, candidate for Lieutenant-governor, is four-square on all the issues.

The Keystone first; then the Carey; and then, here, there, everywhere in the Wonderful County!

Between the weeds and the advice of our neighbors, we are having a hell of a time keeping our garden in growing condition.

The "chicken gardens" in Dallas are being raided; no, not by any of the colored population. The officers of the law are after the "fowls."

Mr. Bailey says he is returning to Texas to continue the campaign. Mr. Joe sho' can stand a lot of punishment.

Writing to the Messenger, National Committeeman Tom B. Love says: "Messenger's work for the great cause is appreciated."

There will be no wet plank in the national platform, brother. No, not in the republican's, either. So, sit still and take your medicine.

Proof positive that the Y. M. B. L. is more than a social affair, we note that certain members of the organization have organized one of the strongest banks in the county.

It is authentically reported that a vast majority of the trees of this country are flowing sap containing more than two and one-half per cent of alcohol. Get your axe.

It seems that Tom Love will continue to perform the duties of Texas national committeeman, the opinion of Mr. Bailey to the contrary notwithstanding.

Now comes the report that Carranza is a prisoner, in the hands of the revolutionists. The bewhiskered gentleman should be given ample time to reflect before he is quartered.

the good man stands no more chance of succeeding Bill Hobby than the sultan has of being elected president of these United States.

Messenger readers are asked to patronize the merchants who patronize their favorite county paper.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has announced that he would duplicate his previous gift of \$250,000 to the interchurch world movement. Make it a million more, Johnnie; a little boost in gasoline will bring it all back within twenty-four hours. Be a good fellow, and make it a million!

Villa stated some time ago that he would cut a steak from the right shoulder of Carranza if the long-whiskered president fell into his hands. Carranza has been taken prisoner, so runs the report, and it is now up to Villa. Should he make good his threat, we would advise him to feed the meat to his enemies.

James E. Ferguson, candidate for president of the United States, is out with the announcement that he will make a campaign for the presidency. Immediately following the national conventions Mr. James will start vote-seeking through the United States. The gentleman is running on the American party ticket, an organization of his own brew, and he has one slim chance in more than a billion of being elected as Wilson's successor.

This is the declaration of Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma: "I desire to see the democratic platform stand firmly for the faithful execution of the national prohibition amendment without any invitation to John Barleycorn to come forth from his well deserved grave. He has impoverished, he has imprisoned, made insane and murdered hundreds of thousands of my fellow citizens. I am opposed to the resurrection of this ancient political reprobate."

A Chicago woman regrets having married a man who is "handy around the house." She alleges that her husband is too "handy" in the kitchen, handling the skillet, shovel, egg-beater and butcher knife with a dexterity that has wrecked her personal appearance. He throws them at her when he is aroused to anger and she says she can show his aim is good by displaying a lacerated lip, loose tooth and other bruises which mar her countenance, says the Tishomingo Capital-Democrat.

Few members of the numerous "overall clubs" over the country, probably, hope or expect to see the movement bring any very startling immediate reductions in the price of clothing. Rather, it is more in the nature of "a protest in britches" against the present high and increasing prices, in the hope that a hint to the wise will be sufficient to curb the rapacity back of those prices and to gradually bring about some improvement in the situation. It is in no sense a boycott to put the clothing manufacturers and dealers out of business, but an effort to help some of their customers remain in business.—Kerrville Mountain Sun.

Let us have fewer congressmen. The 1920 census will, on the present basis of representation, increase the membership in the lower house of congress to upwards of 500. The present membership is 435. With the ninety-six senators and the delegates from Alaska, the Philippines and other possessions, we have nearly six hundred legislators. Any reasonable man will readily understand that this number is too large to get the best results. There are many reasons why this is true. In the first place, it is difficult to get action when such a large number of members must be consulted and heard from, and with such a large number of representatives in congress, it is certain that many of them will be of mediocre ability. We need fewer and better legislators in Washington. The better method is to decrease the number of congressmen, increase the pay and elect more capable men to the office. It is very probable, however, that this will not be done. If congress increases the basis of representation it means that many of the members will be legislating themselves out of office. Most members of congress are politicians and very practical politicians at that, and it is probably asking more than could be expected to make a demand that the basis of representation be changed so as to reduce the house membership about a third. That is what ought to be done, but certainly we should not have any more congressmen than we now have.—Amabillo Daily Tribune

INTERURBAN

dent of the First National Bank of Fort Worth, told the Wichita club Wednesday. He cited from Texas experience with the Fort Worth-Dallas interurban system to illustrate what economists call a fundamental—that progress and development never hurt anybody but the fellow who lags behind.

Mr. Andrews was J. A. Kemp's guest at the club luncheon.

His first illustration was with Fort Worth. Their merchants at the outset received the project of the interurban to Dallas from the Panther City as a menace to their own business. They feared that Fort Worthans would take too many trips to Dallas for bargain sales. Mr. Andrews says increased business since the interurban began has convinced the doubting in Fort Worth to the contrary.

Arlington was another example. It was a village hamlet when the interurban loomed up. "Sure ruin," the small merchant of Arlington said when he thought of competition with big stores in Dallas and Fort Worth. On the contrary the interurban made of Arlington a city of homes. Traveling men and working people by hundreds and thousands came to Arlington to live and took the interurban to their work in Dallas and Fort Worth.

Mr. Warren believed that Wichita Falls merchants will reap the same trade advantages which Dallas and Fort Worth made by the interurban. Mr. Bishop, Dallas interurban booster, spoke on the interurban's advantages. Mr. Kemp also introduced Mr. Bishop.—Wichita Falls Record-News.

TRADE AT HOME

Trading at home wields a remarkable influence over community life. It works miracles in civic growth and civic harmony. Its radiating influences reach every nook and corner of community activity. It is felt in the home, bringing sunshine and joy. It is found in the school, forming wisdom and character. It is heard in the parks, blending the voices of happy children with the songs of joyous birds. It is seen in the community in 2 thousand wondrous words spelling "Better Streets," "Better Walks," "Better Drives," "Better Everything." Trading at home brings to the community all the truly worth while things of American life, and keeps bringing them.

Trading at Home is the propelling force of a community. It means civic progress. It enables a community to keep abreast of the times, to go forward, never backward. It brings to a community the newest civic improvements—community playground, community gardens, community parks. Trading at home selects the best of outside influences and places them before the community constantly.

At first glance all this may sound unreal. The casual reader may cannot associate trading at home so closely with community welfare. But stop for a minute. Consider a few concrete facts.

All community and civic activity is absolutely dependent upon municipal taxes and community donations. From these two sources come all the funds of municipal government and civic improvement. People in Dallas, Houston or Fort Worth, big mail order houses in Chicago, Boston or New York, none of them contribute one dollar to building good roads, paving streets, erecting schools, laying out parks, instituting public libraries in Decatur. The money for all these great monuments to civic pride and the numerous other features of community progress come from home.

Now who at home pays the greatest share into the community welfare fund? The answer summed up in two words is this—Home Merchants. Upon them falls the greatest burden of taxation. To them goes the honor of giving to every home movement—school, library, Y. M. C. A., woman's club, churches. The home merchant and the home merchant's money supports them all. He is a Home Town Booster first, last and all the time.

Are you trading at home? Are you giving your home merchant the support he deserves? Are you helping secure "Better Things" for your community, or are you throwing your aid to building a new viaduct at Dallas or scenic drive along Lake Worth? Think it over.

The Messenger has launched a Trade-At-Home campaign. It will devote one page each week to Trade At Home advertising and Trade At Home talks. It offers a cash prize of \$1.50 a week for the best Trade At Home letter addressed to the editors. This letter will appear in the center of the Trade At Home page, and must be confined to one hundred and fifty words. There is no exemption as to authorship. Every man, woman and child in Decatur is urged to participate in this letter contest. All we ask is that they direct their powers of argument to "Why You Should Trade At Home."

First Christian Church

Preaching at the usual hours at both services next Sunday. The pastor will have returned from the state convention by that time and will have something of interest to say. All are invited to attend.

Large attendance at Sunday school last Sunday with new pupils and more yet to come.

Bro. W. C. Shults and Mrs. Shults, together with the pastor, are delegates to the state convention at Galveston. They will be joined there by Judge R. E. Spencer of Austin.

The entire membership of the church was entertained at dinner on Thursday and Friday nights of last week by the pastor and family at their home on Holman street. They were assisted by Miss Cantrell of Whitewright.

The pastor has installed a new stereopticon at the church and the same will be used from time to time.

BASIS OF BUSINESS

The basis of business is an honest dollar's worth for your money, on the one hand, and prompt payment on the other.

There is no getting away from it. You are not satisfied to pay out your money unless you get one hundred cents' value for every dollar, and the merchant for his part, cannot do business unless he receives pay for his goods. When he loses a bill he must simply add it in as a part of his "overhead"—his cost of doing business. It is not unfair. It is a principle as old as business, and as necessary.

If an account is charged, a book-keeper must be paid for that work, and when the bill is presented at the end of the month, a collector must be paid for his time. These costs are legitimate and necessary, if you do a thirty-day business, and they are, of course, added in as another item of the overhead cost.

The tendency of the time is, however, to get away as much as possible to form these intermediate costs, and more and more people are coming to feel that it is worth while to pay cash at the time of purchase. It eliminates mistakes and the annoyance of bill collectors. It saves a penny here and a dime there, and in the aggregate is really worth while from a monetary point of view, and in addition, you are doing your bit to get the business world to the ultimate basis of honest, efficient service and prompt payment.

Help to cut out the needless costs.

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COAL USERS

If you intend, to profit by the winter's experience, being with us, we will store a part now or winter's use. Co-operate with us to help freezing humanity by buying and storing your coal in the summer months. Let us be prepared, advised, LARD MILLING CO. of "Pride of Texas."

will be cemetery working all day tomorrow, Saturday 15. All interested are come and bring dinner.

Marriage Licenses

Clyde Privitt and Miss Willie M. Brown.
E. F. Hornback and Miss Jesse Meek.
C. W. Pounds and Miss Vera Burk.
H. J. Porter and Miss Goldie Evans.

If you see "The Heart of Humanity," you will never regret it; you miss it, you will be sorry.

THE ACTUAL COST OF PRODUCTION AMOUNTED TO \$335,000. OVER EIGHT THOUSAND FEET OF BATTLE SCENES WERE FILMED!

AMERICAN EAGLE STARTS FLYING, ALL DEVILS IN HELL CAN'T STOP HER

IF YOU SEE IT YOU WILL NEVER REGRET IT—IF YOU MISS IT YOU WILL ALWAYS BE SORRY!

THE PICTURE THAT WILL LIVE FOREVER!

The Heart of Humanity

The Most Appealing Love Story of the Great war Ever Filmed



"THE HEART OF HUMANITY"
Allen Holubar's Super Production—
starring DOROTHY PHILLIPS

A play destined to live forever in the hearts of those who see it is "The Heart of Humanity." No ordinary war play is this tremendous production conceived by the master mind of Allen Holubar. In fact, so skillfully is the war element handled that it is overshadowed completely by the charming romance which is the picture's main theme. Yet, scarcely secondary to this is the optimistic illumination it sheds on the great vital problem that touches on the duty owed by humanity to the children wrecked and orphaned by the war. As Nanette, the character who depicts the glory accomplished by women in the war, Dorothy Phillips proves herself to be one of the screen's greatest players. Rarely have such superb heights been reached as she displays in her marvelous delineation of the role. The story moves from the pine forests of the Canadian North West to the fields of Flanders. Nanette, whose husband is fighting valiantly, is unable to resist the tiny voices of the destitute children across the sea that call to her through her own baby. Nanette leaves her little one with her husband's mother, to minister to the needs of the children of France. Many adventures await her and through them all she serves her high purpose, risking her own life to save the little charges when the town they are in is taken by the Germans. A Hun officer tries to force himself upon her, and Nanette, half crazed by her ordeal, is saved from a gruesome fate by her husband. After being decorated for valor she returns to her little son and the mother of her husband who has lost four other sons. Christmas comes bringing with it peace and the return of the soldier to his loved ones. Mother Patricia's fortitude in bearing up beneath her terrible grief will be a help to other mothers, who, like her, have lost their loved ones.

THE PRESS IS UNANIMOUS IN PRAISE

"One of the most interesting war pictures I have ever seen. . . . I say 'war picture,' but it is immeasurably more than that. . . . It is a picture of infinite pathos, portraying the great unselfish love of humans for humanity. . . ."
—Zit in the New York Evening Journal.

"One of the most stirring war films ever presented in New York. . . . The fighting in which these sons met their death is probably one of the most graphic pieces of filming ever seen on a screen."—New York Evening World.

"Considered purely as a story it is of the utmost interest, with stirring action, vivid battle scenes, much variety of incident, and the combination of humor and incident that is always sought after, whether on the stage or screen."—New York World.

"'The Heart of Humanity,' . . . directed by Allen Holubar, is presented with a degree of realism that is certain to make an impression."—New York Evening Sun.

In order to give everybody a chance to see this wonderful picture we will show all next Thursday afternoon

Majestic, Afternoon 2 to 6 o'clock Thursday, May 20
at Night 7 to 12 o'clock

SEE DOROTHY PHILLIPS IN AN APPEALING ROMANCE OF THE CANADIAN NORTHWEST AND THE GREAT EUROPEAN WAR!

Fifth Sunday Meeting Boyd, May 27-30, 1920

Thursday
8:30 p. m.—Devotional—J. S. Amyx
9:00 p. m.—Sermon, "The Inspiration of the Scriptures"—S. A. Peyton.
Friday
9:00 a. m.—Devotional—E. M. Seay.
10:30 a. m.—Benefits to be Derived from the 75 Million Campaign—J. H. Reddell, T. W. Thorp, Perry Peyton.
1:30 p. m.—Sermon, "Union or Un-union, which?"—Rev. R. E. Bell.
7:30 p. m.—Devotional—E. H. Owens.
8:30 p. m.—The Pressing Need for a kind but Scriptural Dispensation of All the Fundamentals of Faith—J. H. Heathington, W. H. Mack Claburn.
9:30 p. m.—The Printed Page a Powerful Factor in Our Denominationalism—J. L. Ward, E. L. Moody, Bailey.
10:30 p. m.—Devotional—Perry Peyton.
11:30 p. m.—Sermon, "God's Call to Obedience"—C. F. Pitman.
Saturday
9 a. m.—Devotional—Tom J. Leach.
10 a. m.—The Revival We Need—C. F. Pitman, S. F. Ross.
11 a. m.—God, Man, Money—J. Heathington.
12 p. m.—Devotional—S. F. Ross.
1:30 p. m.—The Whole Church Engaged in Giving the Whole Gospel to the Whole World—A. J. Leach, J. K. Doss.
2:30 p. m.—The Power and Peril of Country Church—S. A. Peyton, J. Doss.
3:30 p. m.—Devotional—F. B. Peyton.
4:30 p. m.—Sermon, "Why Do Baptists Teach and Practice Restricted Union?"—A. J. Leach.
Sunday
9 a. m.—The Teaching Service—Church a Mighty Means of Progress—G. W. Tyson, E. H. Owens.
10 a. m.—The Perpetuity of the Church—R. E. Bell.
11 a. m.—Devotional—H. T. Leach.
12 p. m.—Layman, and His Place in the Church—B. R. Floyd, H. L. Mann.
1:30 p. m.—Sermon, "The Evils of Modern Dance"—A. J. Doss.
Special
We anticipate a great meeting and expect a large attendance. Let every member on the program come prepared to speak on the subject assigned. All of the churches are requested to send messengers and take an interest in the work of the Master. COMMITTEE.

Expresses Views on Suffrage Question

Decatur, Texas, April 29, 1920.—Dear Editor: I am a reader of the Decatur Messenger, and would like to state my opinion about women voting.
Some people think that a woman has no right to vote, because she hasn't the brains, and that she hasn't the time to spare away from her home and children. Well, it wouldn't take long for that; not half so much time as it does for a man to quit his field, get to town several weeks before election, stand around on the streets and preach to the people while they are needed at home or in their fields. But I don't think that the government could be in any worse fix than it is now. If it had women running it; but I don't believe in women voting, but I will give some of them credit for having more brains than the bunch in Austin. Of course, there are some that haven't any common sense at all, don't do anything at all but wash and pick fleas off of their poodle dogs, take them out in their fine cars for an airing, while there are hundreds of poor orphan children that would be glad just to sit in one. Do they ever take one of these children out?
I see that some of the Decatur people are against Bailey. They state that he was against the federal child labor law. Well, I cannot say that he is, as I didn't ask him, but I do think he would have given the children justice. But are they enforcing this child labor law? No, because there are hundreds of children in the cities of Fort Worth and Dallas that are working in the factories, laundries and other places. The officer never looks into these places unless he thinks he might find something to drink. There are a few children picked up off the streets that are running around under the officer's nose. And then, they try to find out why they are not in school; but if it were wisest they were looking for, they surely would find it.
I am afraid this world, or just Texas, is in such a fix that it will take Bailey or any other good man a long time to right things, and it never will be done unless there is an altogether different man to do it.
There are different people, and, of course, they have a right to think what they please, but the people of Texas can better themselves by putting in the right men. C. A.
All arrangements are ready for the spudding in of the Bark-Wagoner well, one mile southwest of the public square. The boiler, too, house, slush pit, lights for night work, have been rigged this week. A cage near the sight is taking a jump.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Messenger, May 11, 1900
Mrs. Will A. Miller is on the sick list this week.
Riley Spencer has been employed as principal of the Slidell school.
C. W. Collum of Hillsboro, visited his parents south of town this week.
J. J. Terrell and family of Austin have been visiting in the city this week.
Prof. A. W. Reynolds has been engaged as principal of the Alvord schools.
Judge David B. Culberson died at his home in Jefferson last Monday morning.
Mrs. Violetta Burks and two children, of Chickasha, I. T., are visiting Mrs. C. W. B. Bryan.
Misses Jennie Neel, Fannie Chenoweth and Exa Crow were in the city from Boyd Wednesday.
Dr. R. L. Miller and Stuart Miller and L. B. Beard left Tuesday for the Miller ranch in Archer county with a lot of cattle.
G. W. Clark captured a large centepede in his office Tuesday. It was about eight inches long and may be seen at Dr. Nash's office.
Bridgeport held an election Tuesday to decide whether the corporation should stay or go. By a vote of 73 to 14 the citizens said it should stay.
J. C. Lewis on Tuesday left at this office a corn cob that measured seven inches in circumference. It had held 22 rows of grain and is itself as large as an ordinary ear of corn.
The following is the grand jury for the May term of court: W. G. Bryan, W. G. Embury, B. F. Martin, A. V. McAnear, T. J. Dillehay, W. P. Wright, D. W. Frazer, J. S. Berry, J. S. Shadle, S. G. A. Dillard, H. H. H. Hambright, A. L. Davis, A. J. Henderson, Wm. Boone, Peter Hamilton.
The expected "big time" on first Monday materialized. The old fiddlers were here in force. A large number of people were in from the country during the day and for their benefit the old fiddlers gave an entertainment during the afternoon, which was well attended. At night the capacity of the hall was reached.

tur Military Band; Captain Cook, J. M. Lee, Miss Taylor; Arkansaw Traveler, Jim Baker, Mr. Terrell; Black and White, Decatur Military Band; Dusty Miller, Bud Lee, Miss Taylor; Flap Jack and Lasses, Ran Veasey, Mr. Terrell; Rocky Mountain, Rus Arnold, Mr. Terrell; Fire in the Mountain, J. T. Buckaloo, Miss Taylor; Camp Ben McColluch March, Decatur Military Band; Sally Johnson, E. M. Ward, Miss Taylor; Cotton-Eyed Joe, Major Jones, Miss Taylor; Illinois Battleship March, Decatur Military Band; G. B. Pickett, master of ceremonies. Special appreciation mention is due Miss Edna Taylor of Cottdale, and Mr. J. P. Terrell of this city, for the accompaniments so kindly and excellently rendered. The judges were Mesdames C. C. Thompson, C. H. Smith and J. Ras Sauley, Judge Chas. Soward, Judge Tankersley and W. T. Simmons. The prizes were awarded as follows: Gold watch went to Ran Veasey; hat to E. W. Ward; pair of overalls and a pound of Bull Durham to Pie Biter Baker; box cigars to J. M. Arnold; lb. Battle Axe tobacco to J. M. Lee; bandanna handkerchief to Major Jones. Ran Veasey was called and made a speech, thanking the committee for the first prize.

First Baptist Church

There were 371 in Sunday school last Sunday and four additions to the church at the morning service. Bro. Ward preached at night in the absence of the pastor, who left at the close of the morning service for Washington, D. C., to attend the meeting of the Southern Baptist convention. Appreciation is hereby expressed for the kind generosity of the members of the church which made possible this great trip. The pastor and his family are moved to the profoundest gratitude by the cordial and rousing reception extended to them by the whole church and other friends in Decatur.
There will be preaching at the church next Sunday night, but none at the morning hour on account of the commencement sermon at the Methodist church. The Sunday school will meet at the usual hour next Sunday, and it is expected that a big crowd will be on hand.
R. E. BELL, Pastor.

NOTICE

It has been reported in parts of precincts four and five that I had drawn out of the race for commissioner. I wish to say to the voters of the precinct that it is a false report. I haven't made any such statement. I have been badly washed over the county, and great damage has been done to corn and cotton. Most of the cotton will have to be replanted.

J. Preston Terrell of Temple, was in the city several days this week, visiting friends and relatives and transacting some business for his Temple marble yard. The hundreds of friends of "Mr. Ringling" were glad to see him. Same old Press.
A test case of the dipping law was tried in the county court last Saturday, and the result was a fine of \$25 and costs were assessed against Mr. H. C. Vana for failing to dip his cattle according to law. County Attorney Patterson stated that other cases have been filed.

"THE SPECIAL TUNE-UP"

For Fords
will give it new life
Try it

Do you know the best advertisement in the world cannot make a tire better than it is built at the factory—

But we advertise so that we may have the opportunity to inform you first hand of the benefits to be derived by using

Goodyear Tires

Can we explain to you today?

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HIGH SCHOOL DEPT.

A Favorite Quotation

There are many quotations that I like, and I like different ones at different times, but one that I have liked a long time is:

"'Tis not the great and mighty deeds achieved

That make life sweet;
But just the little acts of love to those we meet in life's great mart
That leave the impress on our heart."

Some people who give large sums of money to the poor and to hospitals, think that they make life sweet and some who write great things, think so, too. But they do not; they make you famous but they do not make your life bright. They only make people look up to you as a liberal giver or a great writer.

But the one that goes on every day and does the little acts of kindness to everyone they meet, are looked upon with love and everywhere they go, they are welcomed.

Little acts of kindness do not cost anything; so, why can't we make those around us happy and make them love us? It is little acts of kindness that leave their impress on one's heart.

M. F. B.

The Commercial Theatre

William Butler Yeats, an Irish lyric poet, spoke Monday night, April 19, on "The Commercial Theatre." He expressed his views on the modern theatre, and told of the foundry of the Abbey theatre, non-commercial, Dublin, together with Lady Gregory.

When they first began their work, they were denied even recognition by the newspapers and none of the prominent citizens would lend an ear. Finally, they procured an old building that had once been a theatre and began presenting their plays. The crowds increased and interest was aroused. One day a man came to Mr. Yeats and told him he would give a modern building for their use or would remodel the old one which they were using. The building was completed and they began work on their new home. Soon they were able to purchase the building for themselves and so it stands today.

Mr. Yeats favors the return of romance and poetry and is opposed to the realistic tendency except the truest to life. The tendency of modern theatres is to present any kind of play just to please the people or certain crowds.

These characters are not selected according to talent or eligibility, but anyone that can be secured. As a result, many of the actors are unreal

Mr. Pep



The best way to capture a moonshiner is to go on a still hunt

When you get through hunting for moonshiners, come back here and hunt for Good Lumber. You're sure to find it here.

NOAH'S ARK.

Noah had to have a good bottom to his Ark, and he also had to have a good top to keep out the rain.

GOOD LUMBER

is what you want for your house, barn, cribs and sheds.

Had we been in business in Noah's time he would have bought his lumber from us, because

and are unnatural. The new theatre of which Mr. Yeats is the exponent, secures its characters according to their ability. When they are in need of some one to take the part of a laborer, they secure a man who has been a laborer. Therefore their characters are natural and lifelike. So in this way it has the required qualification indicated by the title "Non-commercial theatre."

SALE ON HATS.

All dark straw hats will sell at cost on Saturday 15th, at Mrs. M. F. Davis'.

PHOTOS! PHOTOS!

Cut price for thirty days on post cards and kodak pictures at our photo studio. Post cards \$1.50 per dozen; kodaks, roll of 6 exposures, 40c cash or stamps with order for prompt service. Folders at reduced prices; you all know we make the best.

BUNNELL'S STUDIO, Decatur.

College News Notes

The D. B. C. hard nine is gone this week on its baseball tour, on which they are playing with their three district rivals. The team played at Thorpe Springs Monday and Tuesday, at John Tarleton Wednesday and Thursday, and with Grubbs today and tomorrow. The game Monday with Thorpe Springs was pitched for Decatur by Kuykendall, and with the strong support of his team, Decatur won by a score of 6 to 1. The game Tuesday afternoon was pitched by Adkins. Thorpe Springs took this game, 9 to 4, although Decatur got 13 hits off the opposing team, while the Christians got only 11 hits off Adkins. The game Wednesday at John Tarleton was pitched by Kuykendall and Barnes for Decatur, the Baptists suffering a defeat of 8 to 4. At the time the Messenger goes to press, the results of the game yesterday have not been received. It is not definitely known yet whether Denton Normal will play here next week or not. She was prevented from coming last week on account of rain.

Monday marks the last day of recitations at the college for the 1919-1920 session. Final examinations begin Tuesday and last through Thursday. Commencement entertainment will begin Thursday night, when Misses Mary Ruth Matthews and Jackie Gose, graduates in music and expression, respectively, will give a joint recital in the college chapel. Friday evening the music and expression classes will give a fine arts' recital. Saturday night, the commencement play, "Much Ado About Nothing," will be given. Sunday morning the baccalaureate sermon will be preached in the chapel by Bro. Neel. Monday is senior class day, and the seniors will give their parting entertainment in the chapel at 10:30 a. m. The commencement debate will be held Monday night. Tuesday morning at 9:30, the seniors will be awarded diplomas by President J. L. Ward. Summer school will begin Wednesday, May 26.

The 1920 Summits have arrived. Anyone who desires a copy should see T. H. Farmer or Amos Ford at once, as there are only a limited number for sale. The price is \$2.50. The Summit this year has been under the editing management of Amos Ford, editor; Merle Witt, associate editor; T. H. Farmer, business manager; Otto Carlisle and Horace Jackson, assistant business managers. The book was printed by the San Antonio Printing Company of San Antonio.

T. H. Farmer, who is working in Fort Worth, was here the first of the week on business in connection with the Summit.



EARLE WILLIAMS

Earle Williams, Vitagraph star has devoted most of his time to that company's West Coast studio in recent years. But he came east to make "The Captive Heart" and "Captain Jack" two plays that had a long run in London a few years ago. They were produced by the Barrymores. Mr. Williams is now at work making pictures for the West Coast.

Kindled Fire With Bonds.

East Burlington, N. J.—Shortly after stuffing a quantity of paper in the stove to kindle a fire Harry Woolman missed \$4,500 in negotiable bonds which he brought home with him.

Big Value in Tires for The Smaller Cars



Back of the manufacture of Goodyear Tires for the smaller cars is the same purpose to supply high value in the product that is behind the manufacture of the Goodyear Tires that equip the most expensive automobiles built.

This purpose is expressed by the enormous resources, extraordinary skill and scrupulous care applied to the manufacture of Goodyear Tires in the largest tire factory in the world devoted solely to the 30x3, 30x3½, and 31x4-inch sizes.

The effect of this endeavor is noted in the fact that last year more cars using these sizes were factory-equipped with Goodyear Tires than with any other kind.

It is also noted in the fact that if you own a Ford, Chevrolet, Dort, Maxwell, or other car requiring one of the sizes mentioned, you can secure Goodyear Tires and Goodyear Heavy Tourist Tubes at the nearest Goodyear Service Station.

30x3½ Goodyear Double-Cure Fabric, All-Weather Tread \$23.50
30x3½ Goodyear Single-Cure Fabric, Anti-Skid Tread \$21.50

Goodyear Heavy Tourist Tubes are thick, strong tubes that reinforce casings properly. Why risk a good casing with a cheap tube? Goodyear Heavy Tourist Tubes cost little more than tubes of less merit. 30x3½ size in water-proof bag \$4.50

GOODYEAR

WE SELL GOODYEAR TIRES The Decatur Motor Co.

Good crowds are attending the majestic shows of merit. Good pictures greet you at this place.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Union State Bank

At the close of business, May, 4 1920

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$57,498 45
Loans, real estate.....	1,000 00
Overdrafts.....	1,016 52
Bonds and stock.....	2,500 00
Real estate (bk's house).....	1,250 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,635 00
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net.....	79,619 28
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net.....	36,477 48
Cash items.....	3,089 50
Currency.....	8,183 00
Specie.....	982 10
Interest and assessment depositories' gen'y fund	2,124 99
Acceptances and bills of exchange.....	54,302 35
Treasury certificates and War savings stamps.....	50,299 29
Total.....	\$299,977 87

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	15,000 00
Surplus fund.....	6,300 00
Undivided profits, net.....	4,057 26
Individual deposits, subject to check.....	259,187 94
Time certificates of deposit.....	12,750 00
Cashier's checks.....	1,432 67
Dividends unpaid.....	300 00
Total.....	\$299,977 87

State of Texas, county of Wise, We, T. S. McCurdy, as president, and V. E. Babbidge as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

T. S. McCurdy, President

FREE TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

Call at our store and get sample of Pluro, the instantaneous cleaner. No home should be without it. Carries our full guarantee. Cleans furniture, cooking utensils of all kinds, clothing of all kinds, etc.

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COULD HARDLY STAND ALONE

Terrible Suffering From Headache, Sideache, Backache, and Weakness, Relieved by Cardui, Says This Texas Lady.

Gonzales, Tex.—Mrs. Minnie Philpot, of this place, writes: "Five years ago I was taken with a pain in my left side. It was right under my left rib. It would commence with an aching and extend up into my left shoulder and on down into my back. By that time the pain would be so severe I would have to take to bed, and suffered usually about three days. I suffered this way for three years, and got to be a mere skeleton and was so weak I could hardly stand alone and had to let my house work go. I suffered awful with a pain in my back and I had the headache all the time. I just was unable to do a thing. My life was a misery, my stomach got in an awful condition, caused from taking so much medicine. I suffered so much pain. I had just about given up all hopes of our getting anything to help me.

One day a Birthday Almanac was thrown in my yard. I decided to read its testimonials I decided to try Cardui.

Citation by Publication

The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county—Greeting.

You are hereby commanded to summon H. G. Catlett and the unknown heirs of H. G. Catlett, Tarleton Crennices and the unknown heirs of Tarleton Crennices, Bothwell Brothers, James Bothwell and the unknown heirs of James T. Bothwell, S. E. Bothwell and the unknown heirs of S. E. Bothwell, Lavinia Cuius and the unknown heirs of Lavinia Cuius, Robert Toombs and the unknown heirs of Robert Toombs, J. H. Latham and the unknown heirs of J. H. Latham, Harmon Rowley, and the unknown heirs of Harmon Rowley, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published there in, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 43rd judicial district, but if there be no newspaper published in the said judicial district then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 43rd judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Decatur on the 4th Monday in May, A. D. 1920, the same being the 24th day of May, A. D. 1920, in as wit numbered on the docket of said court No. 4444, wherein C. C. McDaniel and C. M. Quisenberry and plaintiffs, and H. G. Catlett and the unknown heirs of H. G. Catlett, Tarleton Crennices and the unknown heirs of Tarleton Crennices, Bothwell Brothers, James T. Bothwell and the unknown heirs of James T. Bothwell, S. E. Bothwell, Lavinia Cuius and the unknown heirs of S. E. Bothwell, Lavinia Cuius and the unknown heirs of Robert Toombs, J. H. Latham and the unknown heirs of J. H. Latham, Harmon Rowley and the unknown heirs of Harmon Rowley are defendants, and said petition alls: Being a suit of trespass to try title on the following depositions and described as follows: Deposition taken in Wise county, Texas, by the S. W. L. Neal survey, by the south corner of the north 45, west 950 varas, north 45, east 950 varas,

thence south 45, west 950 varas, place of beginning.

Herein fail not, but have left said court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with you turn thereon, showing how you executed the same.

Witness W. V. Cunningham, clerk of the District court of Wise county, this the 23rd day of April, A. D. 1920.

—W. V. CUNNINGHAM, Clerk District court, Wise Co. (Map 20)

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It will lengthen the life of your car and

"THE SPECIAL TUNE-UP For Fords takes care of this you."

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As an aid to robustness, thousands upon thousands use

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as regular as clock-work the year around. A rich tonic, Scott's Emulsion contains the elements that contribute to the up-building strength. Be sure that you buy Scott's Emulsion.

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For the Graduate

The Miss who is about to graduate will find so many things of fascinating interest here that she should plan to visit this store as soon as possible. Fabrics vie with colors for attention, but in a combination of both are to be found creations varied just enough to please every taste.

Before deciding upon your Graduation Gown you should certainly plan to see our showing. We believe you will be able to buy one ready-made for less than the cost of materials.

Silk Hosiery

Hosiery of Silk and the finer Lisle are offered in an ample range of prices.

Phoenix Hose....\$2.25 to \$4.50
Cadet Silk Hose.....\$3.00



Gloves

Gloves are an important part of your costume—so it is best to choose here where you are assured a varied choice of the better grades.

Centmeri Gloves in Black and Brown Kid \$2.00 to \$3.75 pair



For the Young Man Graduate

The young man can outfit himself for graduation here with the confidence that he will be well-dressed. We have the most stylish suits at from \$24.50 to \$72.50. Our line of handsome shirts is complete. We are showing a splendid assortment of collars, neckwear and hosiery. Knox Straw sailors at \$5, \$6 and \$10.

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SUPPOSE

—You were taken sick, or
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Would Your **YES?** Salary Stop? Would Your **NO?** Bills Be Paid?

THEN IT'S TIME RIGHT NOW TO LOOK INTO

Accident and Health Insurance

We Offer You a Policy Whereby You Get
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Office in Masonic Bldg.

Decatur, Texas.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. W. L. Rush visited in Wichita Falls.

Sol Ray of Henrietta was here this week.

F. M. Tucker was here Sunday from Bowie.

O. L. Phillips was here Saturday from Sherman.

Ray Morrell was here Saturday from San Antonio.

Walter Dyer was here several days from Fort Worth.

Misses Harrison of Fort Worth, visited here Sunday.

Mrs. Ben Watkins is visiting relatives in Lindsay, Okla.

Clate Coleman has accepted a position with the light plant at Bowie.

Newt Barker left this week for a visit to Crosby county, prospecting.

Walter Gilliland is in Quanah on a plumbing job.

Mrs. W. S. Boyd of Princeton, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Brown.

Cashier A. C. Alexander of the Snyder First National bank, was in Decatur yesterday.

Mrs. M. H. Belew spent last week with her daughter, Miss Clara, in Tishomingo, Okla.

Misses Dorothy and Virginia Patterson visited their grandparents in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Whittaker and daughter spent several days in Dallas, returning Sunday.

Miss Corine Worley has returned to her home in Lindsay, Okla., after a visit with relatives here.

Mrs. Harrison, of Newark, mother of Dr. L. H. Reeves, has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Reeves this week.

There will be a graveyard working at the Sand Hill cemetery on Saturday before the 3d Sunday. If you are interested, please attend.

Thrilling trench fighting that makes your hair stand on end in "The Heart of Humanity" at Meistic next Thursday afternoon and night.

Elmore Brady, Jr., is at home this week from Carlsbad, where he has been for some time for his health. He is gaining in health rapidly and looks fat and fine.

Miss Ada Harding entertained the Saturday 42 Club at the San la Roy Saturday afternoon. Six tables were filled, and Mrs. Burch made high score. Refreshments were served.

The Majestic announces a super-special for next Thursday afternoon and night, May 20—"The Heart of Humanity." This is one of the greatest pictures ever shown in Decatur.

Chas. Morgan of Olney came to Decatur the past week to accept a position in the Lillard mill. Mr. Morgan was a member of the 142 band and served with that organization in France. He is a tuba player of recognized ability, and is a valuable addition to the local Y. M. B. L. band.

Reuben Laird is here this week recovering from a severe injury received some time ago while working at a pumping station at Alford. While his injury was serious, his many friends here will be glad to know he will soon be well again. It will be some time before his broken jaw heals.

Uncle Jess Fullingim was in Wednesday bragging on the Oak Grove Sunday school. He states that this school is ahead in the Decatur district contest, and expects to stay ahead. Oak Grove had 109 present at Sunday school last Sunday. A splendid singing was held there Sunday afternoon.

Sam W. Longley and R. L. Clayton, representing the C. R. Tatman Land Co., are in Decatur exploiting the virtues of the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Several of the citizens of this community have recently made the trip to South Texas, and they have brought back glowing reports. See the adv. of Messrs. Longley and Clayton in this issue of the Messenger.

Our life-long friend, J. C. Dunaway, stated to us this week that owing to the cruel weather he was prevented from bringing us a feed or two of Irish potatoes. Here's hoping the weather becomes lady-like in deportment and that the garden of our old friend will revive, recuperate and come-back in full flower.

The ladies of the Ascension Mission of the Episcopal church, met last Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. J. L. Vastine.

Fishermen came in Wednesday afternoon with a cargo of the finny tribe, three weighing more than one hundred and fifty pounds. One of the party stated that six fish were caught in a slough in West Fork bottom, the smallest weighing thirty-two pounds. Honest ingun, this is not a fish story, as fish stories run, but an absolute, concrete fact, which can be substantiated by such reliable fishermen as Granger Blewett, W. B. Evans, Alf Brown, and others of like reliability, who saw the fish Wednesday.

Heavy rains have fallen almost daily over this section for the past two weeks. The streams have been higher than for years, and many bridges and culverts have been swept away. Farms are badly washed over the county, and great damage has been done to corn and cotton. Most of the cotton will have to be replanted.

Rio Grande VALLEY

The C. R. Tatman Land Company of Fort Worth, is offering for sale in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, improved and unimproved land, where soil is unsurpassed, being from 18 to 38 feet deep.

This Climate is Delightful

With an average of 300 days of sunshine per year, which makes every month a growing month. The breeze from the gulf make an ideal place to live in the summer; being farther south than any other point in the United States, never having over two light frosts in the winter. Our winter crops are such as lettuce, onions, cabbage and various other products, which markets for the best price of any in the country, on account of its quality and being the earliest on the market.

Its Water Supply Is Inexhaustible

being pumped from the Rio Grande river, and according to the United States Government figures, the supply is sufficient at its lowest stage to irrigate three times the amount of land irrigatable.

Its Schools and Churches

rank second to none.

We run Excursion Trains

from Fort Worth every Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. A trip to this wonderful country will convince you of its unlimited possibilities. Our excursions are practically free of charge, from the fact that we want you to see what you buy before you buy.

—FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, SEE OR WRITE—

Clayton & Longley

—LOCAL AGENTS—

City Hotel

Decatur, Texas.

IF IT IS COFFEE—

Be sure and get a cup to drink and a can to carry home.

May the 10th to 15th—a whole week—demonstrating the best coffee in town. Come in and be convinced. Everybody welcome!

FRED FREEMAN

—"The Farmer Merchant"—

Drive to the mill and save money on the following seed: Red top cane seed, \$1.30 per bushel; feteritta seed, \$1.30 per bushel; milo maize seed, \$1.55 per bushel; kaffir corn seed, \$1.55 per bushel. Buy your coal in the summer. Lillard Milling Company, Decatur.

White Crest flour is second to none. Freeman's Grocery.

Mmes. John Rector, T. J. Elder and G. F. Boyd were hostesses to the Mission Study class last Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Rector. There were twenty-seven members and five visitors present. A profitable lesson on China was led by Mrs. Kidd, who was assisted by Mmes. Ingram, Lillard, Gose, Collins and Barton. The Missionary society will meet at the church next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

A number of well known oil operators from Burk Burnett and Ranger have been here this week, visiting the Keystone well southeast of town and the sight of the Burk-Wagoner, southwest. The Keystone is being watched by the experts and it is believed that within a short time the first big well in the county will be in. The Keystone officials are "mum," but they are smiling and trips to the well are made daily.

The residence of Rowl Fullingim in the northwest part of town was struck by lightning Tuesday afternoon during the electrical storm which raged over the city. About one hundred dollars' worth of damage was done to the interior of the house, states Mr. Crisp of the J. B. Green Insurance Co. Mr. Fullingim and family were in a storm cellar at the time the bolt hit the house.

Mr. W. Erwart Matthews, son of Rev. and Mrs. Harlan J. Matthews, star student of Decatur Baptist College, and winner of contests in Baylor University, has added new laurels to his well stocked store of achievements by winning the national oratorical contest in Washington, D. C., by defeating the representative of the Wake Forest College of North Carolina. Young Matthews, with his debating team-mate, Mr. Ward of Baylor University, is now visiting in New York. His winnings make an interesting list; he swept everything

before him in D. B. C., winning Baylor scholarship; in Baylor he won the \$50 gold medal and oratorical contest, being selected to represent that great school in the national contest in Washington, D. C., where he won over the strongest men in the country. Messenger joins the many friends of the young man in congratulations.

To assist in overcoming the news-print shortage, it has been proposed to pass a law prohibiting country weeklies from sending papers to subscribers who are more than six months delinquent. Make it a cash subscription list, Mr. Lawmakers of the Postoffice Department! A delinquent subscriber does not want the paper that is given him weekly, nine times out of ten throwing it away, and besides, such a ruling would "wise up" the advertisers to a publication's actual subscribers. Some papers now claiming several hundred subscribers, should this order be made, would not print enough papers to properly pad a crutch.

DR. GAMBRELL RE-ELECTED HEAD OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

Washington, D. C., May 12.—Dr. J. B. Gambrell of Fort Worth, was today unanimously re-elected president of the Southern Baptist convention.

The commencement exercises for the North Texas State Normal at Denton, will begin Monday, May 24 and continue through the week.

Rent houses are in great demand in Decatur. And rents are high.

OSCAR UNDERWOOD AGAIN ELECTED ALABAMA SENATOR

Birmingham, Ala., May 12.—Returns from fifty of the sixty-seven counties in Alabama indicate the re-nomination of Senator Oscar Underwood by a majority of approximately 20,000 in yesterday's democratic primary.

FORD & RATLIFF ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

Office Up-Stairs in Messenger Bldg.

BUY - AT - HOME PAGE

The Summit Garage

BY THE FIRST OF MAY WE WILL BE IN POSITION TO OFFER OUR PATRONS THE SERVICE OF A STRICTLY FIRST-CLASS MECHANIC. BRING YOUR CAR TROUBLES TO US. FISK, GOODRICH, AJAX AND PENNSYLVANIA VACUUM CUP TIRES AND TUBES. * GIVE US A CHANCE TO SERVE YOU!

S. P. Taylor & Son

—PHONE 232—

LOW COST SHAKES HANDS WITH HIGH QUALITY AT DECATUR JEWELRY CO.

To satisfy you individual needs and wishes for that gift, get it from

The Decatur Jewelry Company

CHAS. P. NASH, Manager

THINKING OF PAINTS AND VARNISHES? IT'S THAT TIM EOF YEAR

Take an inventory of your property today and make a list of the things you know in your own mind are in need of a coat of paint or varnish.

BRING IT TO US AND LET US FIGURE WITH YOU

We will take pleasure in figuring cost with you and give you the benefit of our experience in making your selections.

MAKE THAT OLD FURNITURE LOOK LIKE NEW

With a coat of varnish. Apply it yourself. Brighten up. Make home a more cheerful place in which to live.

BUY PAINT AND VARNISH IN DECATUR

C. B. GUNN DRUG STORE

—PRESCRIPTION WORK OUR SPECIALTY—

JONES can save you money on your grocery, furniture and queensware bills? He carries a good stock for you to select from; and his cash prices are as low as can be found in town for the quality offered. Give him your next grocery order!

H. L. JONES

Northwest Corner Square

Decatur

Modern Banking

Means more than the mere receiving of deposits and lending of money; it means
CO-OPERATION

In a big way in the commercial activities of our community. Let us serve you.

First National Bank

SAFETY—SERVICE—SATISFACTION

How About That Suit?

SERGES—WORSTEDS—FLANNELS
—3-PIECE SUITS—

PRICED AT \$27.50, \$30.00, \$35.00 AND UP TO \$50.00 THE SUIT

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PRICED AT \$7.50 UP TO \$17.50 THE SUIT

SOUTHWEST COR. SQ.

DECATUR

Rieger Bros' Dry Goods Store

GENTS' FURNISHINGS

—LADIES AND CHILDREN'S SHOES AND HOSIERY—

Good Things to Eat

"We have them"

—STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES—
WE APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS
AND WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT
WE DO.

Fred Freeman

"THE FARMER MERCHANT"

WHY I TRADE AT HOME

By Terrell Lillard

I trade at home and never roam
Seeking "bargains" elsewhere.
I love the town I which I live,
For all my interests are there.
And then, again, I buy from friend,
We all need one another,
When I run short, I can approach
My dealer as a brother.
When buying herewith, conscience clear,
I put my money down,
I know it stays right here and works,
For the welfare of my town.
Another thing, right here I bring
The produce that I raise.
And always get the honest deal—
I've found out that it pays.
And then, I know when buying here
It helps things to relax,
And also keeps the man who pays
His portion of the tax.
And when I'm sick or in hard luck,
The man I buy from's here
With the pocket-book, if need be,
And kindly words of cheer.
So that it why I trade at home,
I'm a booster through and through.
For a town that's good enough to live in
Is good to buy in, too.

Men's Clothing For Young and Old

NEW SPRING STYLES — SPRING SHADES — CONSERVATIVE
STYLES THAT ARE PLEASING;—GET GOOD ONES; THEY LAST
LONGER.

—REMARKABLE VALUES AT REASONABLE PRICES—

A SIMPLE TRY-ON WILL CONVINCE YOU

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We Are Prepared...

TO SAVE YOU MONEY ON EVERYTHING IN THE MEN'S AND
BOYS' LINES; ALSO LADIES' SHOES AND HOSIERY
WE CARRY STANDARD BRAND MERCHANDISE—THAT IS WHY
WE STAND BEHIND EVERYTHING WE SELL
IF YOU ARE NOT A CUSTOMER OF THIS STORE, MAKE IT TO
YOUR ADVANTAGE TO COME HERE, AS WE GIVE YOU 100
PER CENT FOR YOUR MONEY
—WE BACK UP EVERYTHING WE SELL—

—COME HERE FOR YOUR SHOES—

Greer's Cash Store

Leased for Life?

THEN BE HAPPY AND PUT COMFORT, CONVENIENCE AND HAPPINESS IN YOUR HOME.

—"WE CAN FURNISH IT FOR YOU"—

MAN & CHRISTIAN

TO YOU Who Own Property in this Locality:

THIS IS TOWA RN YOU that an old offender against property rights is at large again and is now lurking in this community. His name is TORNADO, and a minute's time is sufficient for a tornado's crushing force to wreck the work of years.

It is Foresight and Economy to Hold What You Have
by Insuring What You Have

WAITING OFTEN PROVES EXPENSIVE, do your thinking now. In order to know the rates on YOUR PROPERTY, will you call or shall we call on you?

BOYD & SONS

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Oldest Agency in Wise County

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FIGURING ON BUILDING or REPAIRING?

If you are, it will pay you to consult us and let us figure with you.

New buildings improve the looks of your property, make it more valuable, increases your pride in your home and adds to the prosperity of your home town.

We are headquarters for paints and building materials of all kinds. Our prices are right and our service the kind you will remember.

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Lillard Milling Co.

—SINCE '96 MAKERS OF GOOD FLOUR—

Poultry - and - Eggs

Many persons have discovered that it pays to get our prices before selling their poultry and produce.

YOU WILL ALSO

find it good business to investigate our prices before selling.

Reeves & Lewis

"THE PRODUCERS"

**New Shipment Just Arrived of
A C washing machines
Decatur Light & Water Co.**

C. P. DODSON, Mgr.

KODAK DAYS

ARE HERE
Complete stock of
Kodaks and Films
We do Kodak Finishing

SANDERS & INGRAM, Druggists